Rs. crores

	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90 (upto 1/90)
Exports	10894.59	12452.36	15741.23	20280.92	22047.20
Imports	19657.69	20200.65	22398.97	27692.87	28937.49

Source: DGCIS, Calcutta.

Import and Distribution of Photosensitive Material

1739. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Professional Photographers' Association has urged Government to end the practice of licensing for import and distribution of photosensitive material;

(b) whether it is a fact that at present only Hindustan Photofilm Manufacturing Company (HPF) enjoys total monopoly over the import and distribution of photosensitive materials resulting in high prices and poor quality of material;

(c) whether the HPF has increased the prices of black and white paper and films of various kinds from 1st April, 1990 despite there being no increase in the cif value or the import duty;

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and whether Government propose to delicense the import and distribution of photosensitive materials; and

(e) if the answer to part (d) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor and what further action Government propose to take against HPF which has increased the prices of such materials from 1st April, 1990?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Besides HPF, M/s. New India Industries, Bombay are also licensed to manufacture photographic goods. Apart from these two units established for basic manufacture of photo sensitive goods, ten units in the private sector have also been granted licences/COB licences for slitting and confectioning of photosensitised goods from imported jumbo rolls. LOIs have also been issued to M/s. PICUP, and M/s. Garware for manufacture of various photosensitised goods.

(c) and (d) M/s. Hindustan Photo Films has increased the prices of its Black & White products w.e.f. 31.3.1990 due to increase in cost of major raw materials, packing materials, overheads, etc.

In view of indigenous availability special types of X-ray film viz. (1) Lo-Dose Mammographic films; (2) Massminiature film; (3) Special type of X-ray films used for changers; and (4) X-ray films for cat-scanners have been shifted from the Open General Licence to the Limited Permissible List in the Import and Export Policy for 1990-93 on the basis of recommendation by a Committee of Eminent Radiologists constituted under the chairmanship of the Deputy Director General of Health Services, Other types of photosensitive materials are allowed for import under Open General Licence.

(e) Does not arise.

1740 [*Transferred to the 28th May, 1990*]

Artificial Recharging of Ground Water in Gujarat

1741. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a pilot project on artificial recharge' has been undertaken in

Gujarat, particularly in areas facing over-exploitation of ground water; and

(b) if so, what follow-up action has been taken by the Central Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) In collaboration with the Government of Gujarat, the Central Ground Water Board conducted an experimental artificial recharge project in Mehsana and coastal Saurashtra in Gujarat with the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme.

(b) The Government of India forwarded the Report on the Project findings and recommendations to the Government of Gujarat for follow-up action.

Minor Irrigation Scheme from Gujarat Pending Clearance

1742. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several minor irrigation schemes submitted by Gujarat Government are held up for want of clearance; and

(b) if so, by when the proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b) Minor irrigation schemes are planned, designed and implemented by State Government and do not need the clearance of Central Government, except where submergence of forest is involved. Two minor irrigation schemes in State of Gujarat viz; (i) construction of Galkund dam; and (ii) construction of minor canal of Bhadar Irrigation Scheme, are pending clearance in the Ministry of Environment and Forests. These schemes shall be cleared as soon as essential details are received from the State Government.

Construction of a Sweet Water Storage System Across the Gulf of Cambay

1743. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the development of Gulf of Khambat in Gujarat a scheme was contemplated for the construction of a sweet water storage system across the Gulf of Cambay; and

(b) if so, what is the present stage of the scheme and Central Government's views thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b) The Government of Gujarat have proposed to take up with external assistance, a study for multipurpose development of Gulf of Cambay to secure a fresh water storage, tidal power generation, land reclamation, navigation, irrigation and fisheries development.

Processing of fruits by Pepsi Foods

1744. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI NARAYAN KAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pepsi Foods have started processing of fruits and whether they have fulfilled their export obligation; and

(b) if not, whether soft drinks project will be allowed to start before these conditions are fulfilled?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) According to the Letter of Intent granted to M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Ltd., the project shall export 50% of its total turn-over